been prepared and is under consideration of the Goverments concerned.

(b) and (c) These details will be worked out after the draft MoU is operationalise.

Mega Export-Oriented Refinery

186. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up a mega export-oriented refinery, with a 50-60 million tonne per annum capacity, to be built by the oil PSUs in collaboration with some leading international companies; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and its present status?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) While IOC have commissioned a study to examine the issue of increasing export-oriented refining capacity, at present Public Sector Oil Refineries do not have any proposal for setting up a mega export-oriented refinery.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Relief from rise in oil prices

†187. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether indiscriminate and record increase in teh prices of diesel and petrol has been made in the country during the last one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the efforts Government are making to provide relief to people from the burden continuously increasing on them?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a to (c) Since the end of 2003, there has been an unprecedented, sharp and spiraling increase in international oil prices combined with considerable week-to-week and even day-to-day volatility.

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